Telephone facilities in Kalahandi, Orissa

1284. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of towns proposed to be linked by STD facility in Orissa during 1988;

(b) whether the towns in Orissa, particularly district of Kalahandi proposed to be linked by STD facility in tribal areas and if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve telephone services in Kalahandi district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The towns proposed to be linked by STD are Jeypore, Phulbani and Sundergarh.

(b) In addition to three towns in the tribal areas which are having STD facility, four more towns are planned to be provided with this facility during the current plan period.

(c) Following steps are proposed to be taken immediately to improve the telephone services in Kalahandi District:—

(i) Automatisation of two Manual Exchanges.

(ii) Replacement of 13 strowger Exchanges by Electronic Exchanges.

(iii) Opening of 20 PCOs.

(iv) Introduction of NSD/ISD service to Bhawanipatna.

New telephone connections

1285. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of pending applications for the installation of telephones in different cities in the country;

(b) by when new phone connections will be provided on all these pending requests; and

(c) how Government propose to meet the future demands for telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The waiting list of the Capital of the States and Union Territories as on 31.10.1988; and other cities having a waiting list of 4000 and above as on 31.3.1988 is given in Statement I and II (See below).

(b) the objectives of the Seventh Plan proposals of the Department are as under for meeting the demand by 1.4.1990.

	Meeting average demand for the period registered upto
Unit	
1. Metro Distt.	30-9-1986
2. Major Distt.	30-9-1986
3. Minor Distt.	1-4-1987
Circles	
1. MAX I (Large size Exchanges)	1-4-1987
2. MAX II (Medium size Exchanges)	1-4-1988
3. MAX III (Small & Manual Exchanges)	1-4-1990